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For: MESSAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 20, 2004 and an Advisory Action mailed May 28, 2004. A petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to June 20, 2004, and further extending the due date to June 21, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.7 since June 20, 2004 falls on a Sunday.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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